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(54) Title: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR THERAPY AND DIAGNOSIS OF BREAST CANCER

(57) Abstract: Compositions and methods for the therapy and diagnosis of cancer, such as breast cancer, are disclosed. Compositions may comprise one or more breast tumor proteins, immunogenic portions thereof, or polynucleotides that encode such portions. Alternatively, a therapeutic composition may comprise an antigen presenting cell that expresses a breast tumor protein, or a T cell that is specific for cells expressing such a protein. Such compositions may be used, for example, for the prevention and treatment of diseases such as breast cancer. Diagnostic methods based on detecting a breast tumor protein, or mRNA encoding such a protein, in a sample are also provided.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

Although claims 20, 21, 28-30, 33, 34, 36-38 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:

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3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-59 (partly)

Invention 1.

Isolated polypeptide comprising at least an immunogenic portion of a breast tumour protein, variants thereof such that the ability of variant to react with antigen-specific antisera is not substantially diminished, wherein the tumour protein comprises an amino acid sequence that is encoded by polynucleotide sequence SEQ. ID. NO: 2. or its complement; isolated encoding polynucleotide, expression vector, host cell transformed therewith; antibody specifically binding thereto; fusion proteins; pharmaceutical compositions and vaccines; therapeutic methods and methods of inhibiting growth/development of and removing tumour cells from a biological sample; methods of stimulating and/or expanding T cells specific; T cell populations prepared according to method; use thereof in therapy; diagnostic methods, Kits; oligonucleotides comprising 10-40 contiguous nucleotides that hybridise to SEQ ID NO: 2, kits containing same.

2. Claims: 1-59 (partly)

Inventions 2-284

As above, but respectfully referring to sequences 1,3-38, 42-204,205,207,210-290.

Note that sequences

1,6,8,9,11,12,14,17-20,22-24,26,27,29,31,32,34,36,37,38,42-62,64-71,74-80,82-102,105,106,110-117,119-127,130-133,135,137-158,162,163,165-180,182,205-207 are only mentioned in claims 24-52 per se.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box 1.2

Present claims 1(b),57..... relate to an oligonucleotide comprising 10 to 40 contiguous nucleotides that hybridise under moderately stringent conditions to a polynucleotide (SEQ ID NO:2)

The claims cover all oligonucleotides having this property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of same. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the oligonucleotide by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the SEQ ID NO:2 per se.

Present claims 1,3..... relate to a variant encoded by SEQ ID NO 2 defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely "variants of said isolated polypeptide, the ability of the variant to react with antigen-specific antisera not being substantially diminished"

The claims cover all variants having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such products. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the variants by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the SEQ ID NO: 2 per se, mentioned in the exemplification, sequence listing and claims. The claim set has been searched with this in mind.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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